SYNOPSIS

This investigation was initiated by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Office of Investigations (OI), Region I (RI), on March 3, 1998, to determine if a Public Service Electric and Gas (PSE&G) at the Salem Generating Station, made false statements regarding technical specification (tech spec) requirements for the release of a Chemical Volume Control System (CVCS) Monitor Tank.

Based on the evidence developed during the investigation, OI concludes that there is insufficient evidence to substantiate that a movingly and deliberately made false statements regarding tech spec requirements in regards to the line out and pen and ink changes which he made to Chemistry Procedure SC.CH-TI.ZZ-0140-1. However, testimonial and documentary evidence developed leads OI to the conclusion that a Chemistry Supervisor, on February 23, 1998, knowingly and deliberately falsified Sections 2.1.2.A and 2.1.3 of the Operations Procedure S1.OP-SO.WL-0001 (Q) Rev. 9 indicating that two independent verifications of Radioactive Liquid Release Rate calculations and all Chemistry requirements for the release had been completed and authorizing release, when he knew that they had not been completed.

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